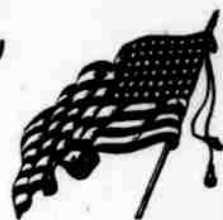




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FREIGHT TRAIN LEAVES RAILS AT HACKBERRY

**Engineer Fuller Missing.
Death Probable. Two
Locomotives and Thirteen
Cars a Total Wreck in
Greatest Rail Disaster in
Recent Years.**

What one railroad man termed the worst wreck he had seen in 20 years took place one mile above Hackberry Thursday evening. A freight train of ten cars, pulled by two engines hit some soft track throwing the engines off and piling the cars up by the side of the track.

The embankment, about twelve feet high at this point, had been undermined by the water running down the wash by the side of the track, leaving the track to all appearances solid. When the engines started to leave the track, the engineers, firemen, conductor and brakemen either jumped or were thrown from the train and were not hurt much outside of being badly bruised excepting in the case of Engineer Fred Fuller who has not yet been found. It is thought that his body is either under the wreckage or that he was thrown in to the rushing waters of the wash and carried away. Many friends are anxiously awaiting any word that may tell of his fate. Fuller is well known and well liked along the line.

His family consists of a wife and boy, aged 6, who are not in the state at the present time.

Two cars of sheep were in the wreck, all but twenty-five out of 500 having been killed.

Passenger traffic was held up by the wreck until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

STEWART THOMPSON AND BROOKS DUDLEY TAKE OVER ARIZONA ENGINEERING CO.

Stewart Thompson and Brooks Dudley have taken over the Arizona Engineering Company, formerly owned by G. R. Franklin.

Mr. Franklin will be here next Tuesday to attend to the final details of the transfer.

The new concern will occupy the same building as occupied by the company formerly and will deal in mining machinery and probably automobiles as heretofore.

Stewart Thompson, who has been at San Pedro the past year, arrived in Kingman Thursday. Brooks Dudley is a brother of M. B. Dudley of the Rural and Daisel Companies.

SEVERAL ACCIDENTS HERE THIS WEEK

Oral Knowles caught her finger in a belt at the Yucca Fiber plant this week and crushed it badly. However there will not be any permanent bad effects.

The 3 year old child of Pat Rowe of Chloride was struck by an auto this week. The scalp of the child was badly torn and it was found necessary to administer chloroform while sewing it up. It is now getting along nicely.

L. H. Mann, working at the Washington Mine, had his hand, wrist and forearm badly burned yesterday by a short circuit. The burn has been dressed and the patient is getting along in good shape.

HERE TO INSPECT WHITE PINES OF THE WALLAPAI

L. N. Gooding, with the Bureau of White Pine, was in Kingman this week buying supplies for a trip into the Wallapai Mountains. The purpose of Mr. Gooding's trip is to ascertain whether there is any "white pine blister rust" on the pines of this section. Mr. Gooding claims that so far as is known Arizona pines are free from this diseased condition.

In his trip also Mr. Gooding will be on the lookout for wild gooseberry and current bushes as it seems that these bushes are a means of communication of the disease to the white pines.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE AS TRAIN HITS MACHINE

Jake Neal narrowly escaped getting badly smashed up Wednesday evening while driving across the Santa Fe tracks near the depot.

A freight train, backing up to connect with some cars, hit the machine as he was crossing the track, and dragged the machine about 25 feet. When the train hit the machine, Neal jumped and was not hurt. The car was badly battered up.

DR. BUCHER LEFT FOR VLADIVOSTOK

Following is an article from the "Japan Advertiser" a daily newspaper published at Tokyo, a copy of which was received by Carl G. Krook this week.

"The man in charge of the Red Cross party now in Yokohama is Dr. W. H. Bucher, an officer who will probably receive, and who will be eminently qualified to fill, an important office in the Red Cross work in Siberia.

Dr. Bucher is on the retired list of the Navy, but at the beginning of the war, he offered his services to the Red Cross and was eagerly accepted. He was the commander of one of the largest navy hospitals in the United States, at San Diego. This hospital occupied all the buildings in the exposition grounds and was equipped with 1,500 beds, although at times it ministered to nearly 2,000 patients.

Dr. Bucher is a man of executive ability and is also noted along the Western Coast for his skill as a surgeon.

He is the type of man that the Red Cross has been sorely in need of for its work in Siberia.

With Dr. Bucher are 20 nurses, many of whom have seen service at the front. They represent, besides Johns Hopkins, the principal hospitals of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and St. Louis. The five doctors with the party are from the middle west and are men of wide experience who have been specially selected for this Siberian work. Of the others, Lieut. Medlenka is attached to the party for field service and Mr. Miskelly is a warehouse man.

Arrangements were made to take the party by special trains last evening to Nikko. They will leave for Vladivostok on the 7th of July.

OATMAN WILL PLAY HERE ON AUGUST 10

Last Sunday's game between the Kingman "regulars" and a team made up around town, called the "outlaws" ended disastrously for the outlaws, with a score of 24 to 0.

No game was scheduled for this Sunday as there were no teams that could be gotten for a game that would give the public a good game. Oatman could not come but have promised to come for a game next Sunday, determined to win a victory over Kingman. The last two games have gone to Kingman after they seemed a certainty for Oatman, Oatman having formerly taken three straight games from the Kingman boys.

After the Oatman game it is hoped to get Flagstaff down for a game or two.

FIRM FORMED BY MINING MEN

The firm of Gibson, Gibson and Gibson has been organized and has taken the office formerly occupied by the Mohave County Abstract and Title Company, on Fourth Street.

The partners are, G. W. Gibson, G. I. Gibson and Tom L. Gibson. Their business is to deal in mines, make examinations and operate mines.

Operation Successful

Mrs. Gus Rofinot left for the coast Sunday to undergo a major operation. It is reported that the operation was very successful and that Mrs. Rofinot is rapidly gaining her strength.

Mrs. Rofinot's mother accompanied her.

MARK PEARSON BACK

Lodema Cook returned Wednesday from San Diego, where she went to visit the Pearsons.

Mark Pearson returned with her, having been discharged at the Presidio the latter part of July.

Pearson was a mechanic in the air service and spent more than a year overseas. He has taken his old position with the Old Trails Garage.

LOCAL MAN SHOT WHILE HUNTING

L. J. Friedell received a peppering of bird shot, when he and Jack Houts were out hunting a short distance from Kingman.

Houts was shooting at a dove on the wing and the dove flew toward Friedell. There were probably half a dozen shot lodged in Friedell's face and shoulder. One hit him about a half inch above the eye. If it had been a little lower he would have lost an eye.

Friedell was brought to town and Dr. Todd soon had the shot removed.

Happy "Hunting" Grounds Found in Disastrous Wreck

The old saying that "It's an ill wind that blows no one good" is amply at the wreck scene at Hackberry. The Indians are reaping a golden harvest in the debris that litters the right of way. Lordly Hiawathas and laughing Minnehahas are strutting about bedecked in flowered calicos and clinging silks. Bit cigars and choice articles of food they now have in abundance.

Soon after the wreck the Indians were busy salvaging from the rushing flood waters, and if all reports are true they have found a horn of plenty.

YUCCA FIBER PLANT CLOSES DOWN TODAY

L. H. Baldwin, manager of the Yucca Fiber plant, when asked last night if the report that the plant was going to close down was true, replied that it was, and that the plant would close today.

The reason for this Mr. Baldwin says, is two-fold, for one thing on account of the drop in fiber of 5 cents a pound since the peace treaty was signed, and the other labor troubles at the factory which was buying the product of the plant.

The Yucca Fiber plant has had considerable hard luck. The season for drying was delayed this year some, and then after the weather became suitable for drying, it was found almost impossible to get the right kind of help. Mr. Baldwin straightened out the last difficulty and now comes other paralyzing blows.

THREE WEDDINGS TAKE PLACE HERE THIS WEEK

Cupid registered several fatal shots with his little bow and arrow this week, there being three weddings performed by Judge Smith.

Saturday Thomas M. Westlake and Camille Hiltedide were married. Both of these young people were from the vicinity of Needles.

Early this week Harold C. Moore of Kingman and Mildred McNeil, were also married by Judge Smith. Miss McNeil is from Los Angeles.

Later in the week John LeRoy Williams and Gladys Ethel Patterson both of the Tungsten Mine were married. Miss Patterson is the daughter of Mr. Williams' partner at the Tungsten Mine.

MASHES FINGER

J. N. Lewis, of Chloride bruised a finger so badly that it was necessary to amputate it. Mr. Lewis was putting a rock under the rear wheel of his automobile to keep it from backing up, when the machine came back and crushed his finger. He came to Kingman at once and had it amputated.

RAINFALL MONDAY

Kingman had the hardest rainfall Monday that it has had for many a day. Automobiles were stalled in many cases and in some parts of town the water afforded some excellent "swimming holes" which the boys took advantage of. One lad tells a weird story of having been sucked down into a "man hole."

The rainfall for the morning was 1.48 inches which is considerable rain, all in one morning.

OATMAN MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED SAT.

J. W. Hoover passed away at Oatman last Saturday night. Death was due to heart trouble it is thought.

L. C. Hoover, his son, who is an engineer at one of the mines at Oatman noticing that his father was not around Saturday evening, went to his house to find him. He found him lying in bed dead with his clothes still on.

The deceased was 65 years of age and for the past few years has been raising bees on the river.

The funeral was held from the Van Marter Undertaking parlors Tuesday afternoon, and interment was in the Mountain View cemetery.

BASEBALL CLUB DANCE TONIGHT

The Kingman Baseball Club will give a dance to-night at the Odd Fellows Hall. It is the only dance of the week and it is expected there will be a large crowd out.

Refreshments will be served and the committee in charge, Burford, Hayes and Donald George have a surprise of some kind for the crowd. The committee promises the best dance of the season.

There will be straight admission charge of \$1.00, ladies free.

The music will be good and the floor is one of the best in town.

JUDGE DOE PASSED AWAY LAST SUNDAY

Judge E. M. Doe, one of the best known lawyers in the state, died at his home in Flagstaff last Sunday, death being due to heart failure. About six weeks ago he was seized with a serious hemorrhage of the nose from which he never recovered, although last Saturday he was reported to be on the way to complete recovery.

Judge Doe came to Arizona about 25 years ago from the state of Texas, where he had been practicing law, although he was a native of Iowa. During his life in Arizona he practiced law in Coconino county, and held a term as prosecuting attorney of that county. Just prior to the admission of Arizona as a state he was appointed by President Taft as federal judge and held the office until after the formation of the state, when he retired to take up his private practice. He was considered one of the ablest lawyers of the state before the supreme court and had a large clientele among the cattle and sheep men of northern Arizona. He was a splendid fellow and his death will bring sorrow to a large circle of friends.

POSTAL MAKES TWENTY PER CENT REDUCTION

Yesterday morning, with the return of the Postal Telegraph to private ownership, came the announcement of a 20% reduction in a straight message rates. In making the announcement, Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal said:

"In accordance with its promise to the public, the Postal Telegraph Cable Company at midnight tonight will reduce telegraph rates throughout the United States 20 per cent by cutting off the 20 per cent increase which Postmaster General Burleson put into effect April 1, including leased wire rates and restoring rates to what they were before Mr. Burleson seized the lines. In doing this we wish to state that if taxes and expenses continue to increase it will be necessary for the company to ask the indulgence of the public in again advancing telegraph rates for the whole or part of this 20 per cent. In order to continue to give fast service, the present rates on interstate night letters will not be disturbed for the present. We expect to reduce those rates a little later."

TRAINLOAD OF CHINESE COOLIES

A trainload of Chinese coolies passed through here Wednesday on their way to Cuba where they will be put to work on the plantations.

"BUD" NORTON ESCAPES FROM PRESCOTT JAIL

"Bud" Norton has made his escape from the Prescott jail where he was serving a term for bootlegging.

It will be remembered that Norton was caught "with the goods" several weeks ago along with Myrtle Moore near Prescott. It is understood that Myrtle Moore appealed her case and was released on bond.

STATE TAX COMMISSION MEETING AT FLAGSTAFF

The session of the State Tax Commission, members of the boards of supervisors of the various counties, their clerks and the assessors, held at the Grand Canyon last week was a most enlightening affair, so far as it relates to valuations of the various counties. A look over the valuations will tell you that the mining counties of the state are the ones that show the only increases in valuation, and are really the only ones that are worth while from a tax standpoint. Maricopa, which claims to have the largest population of any county in the state, has 300,000 acres of land that is worth \$1000 per acre or better, and other things necessary to all mankind, only has a little more of this world's goods than little Pinal. That you may get some idea of the wealth of the various counties we are giving below the assessed valuations of each for the years 1918 and 1919. Of course these valuations may be changed a slight bit by the Tax Commission, but so far as the mining companies and counties go it will be in the way of raises, not decreases.

| County: | Net Valuations |
|------------|----------------|
| Apache | |
| 1918 | 8,601,366.40 |
| 1919 | 8,622,050.40 |
| Cochise | |
| 1918 | 169,348,466.17 |
| 1919 | 173,973,198.29 |
| Coconino | |
| 1918 | -0.259,245.53 |
| 1919 | 20,813,967.55 |
| Gila | |
| 1918 | 163,647,782.48 |
| 1919 | 158,084,372.11 |
| Graham | |
| 1918 | 13,165,299.52 |
| 1919 | 13,096,738.10 |
| Greenlee | |
| 1918 | 44,441,780.34 |
| 1919 | 44,408,423.20 |
| Maricopa | |
| 1918 | 97,367,007.13 |
| 1919 | 99,692,498.00 |
| Mohave | |
| 1918 | 22,074,655.38 |
| 1919 | 23,249,326.19 |
| Navajo | |
| 1918 | 10,925,900.68 |
| 1919 | 12,171,973.00 |
| Pima | |
| 1918 | 61,645,110.64 |
| 1919 | 64,466,880.00 |
| Pinal | |
| 1918 | 63,224,173.72 |
| 1919 | 69,237,160.00 |
| Santa Cruz | |
| 1918 | 10,619,611.78 |
| 1919 | 11,285,196.80 |
| Yavapai | |
| 1918 | 130,575,381.62 |
| 1919 | 133,773,668.47 |
| Yuma | |
| 1918 | 18,124,750.83 |
| 1919 | 19,818,469.28 |
| State | |
| 1918 | 824,020,532.22 |
| 1919 | 852,694,296.39 |

Under our present law each county is taxed for school and road purposes in making up the state budget, and when distribution comes it is based on some other theory, whereby Maricopa and the counties having the population get a big rakeoff from the counties having small population. Maricopa county in this way gets big money for her schools and roads, the other counties having to make their annual contributions to the support of all her institutions. Maricopa county has about 14,000 school children, while Cochise has about 8,000. Maricopa county is assessed for \$99,692,498.00, while Cochise pays on a valuation of \$193,973,198.29, more than double, and yet Cochise is only a wee sma' part of this great state of ours, and if you will just listen to Maricopa county you will learn that there can be nothing else in the whole southwest but the Salt River valley.

Even little old Mohave County, with its estimated population of 4,000 souls, is a larger taxpayer than some of the large cow counties, such as Coconino, Apache and Navajo. We pay on a greater valuation than Yuma, Graham, Santa Cruz, Coconino, Navajo, Apache. As a comparison, the agricultural counties pay the state on a

MOHAVE CO. PEOPLE ON COMMITTEE TO MEET SQUADRON

This week Gov. Campbell named a committee from all the counties of the state to go to San Diego and welcome the big fleet. The Mohave county committee is composed of Charles H. Granger, W. O. Ruggles, Allen E. Ware, Mrs. R. A. Lassell, W. L. Linville, Carl G. Krook, and George B. Ayers, of Kingman; J. H. Hopkins, Oatman. This committee is supposed to meet the fleet at San Diego on the 7th of this month to help give it the royal welcome that it is deserving of.

CZECHO-SLAVS ON WAY HOME PASS THROUGH

Several trainloads of Czecho-Slavs passed through Kingman this week on their way to an Atlantic port for embarkation home. These men have been fighting in Siberia for the past five years in some cases and had spent the last month at Kearney. They looked tired and battle-worn, many of them being short an arm or leg. There were 1,000 men approximately, all that was left of 200,000 who went to Russia early in the war to fight the Kaiser's legions. In speaking of their arrival in this country, the "American Red Cross" says: "The first contingent of returning Czecho-Slavs arrived in San Diego early in the morning of July 3d from Siberia, on their way to their homes in Bohemia. The China Mail steamship 'Nanking' was met at the Municipal Dock by 10,000 San Diegans, headed by Red Cross officials and canteen workers.

There were 1,041 men in the arriving contingent. Practically two-thirds of them were recovering from wounds or illness. Immediately following their debarkation they were taken in hand by the San Diego Chapter Canteen Committee, which served hot coffee and sandwiches.

The Czecho-Slavs were in command of Major Vladimir Jirsa, who paid the following tribute to the Red Cross:

"The Red Cross is wonderful. What we would have done without them, I do not know. Everywhere they have been of assistance to us. We cannot express a wish that is not fulfilled. Through all the hardships that these men have passed, wherever there was a Red Cross official, life was made just a little bit easier for them. They will never forget what the Red Cross has done. Your group of workers, headed by Captain John Reifsnider, who accompanied us over on the 'Nanking,' made everything pleasant for us on the ship."

These Czecho-Slavs are returning to their homes and a free nation after nearly five years of almost continuous fighting. They are middle-aged and old men for the most part. They range in age from thirty to seventy and are as hale and hearty a contingent, despite the hardships through which they have passed, as has ever visited these shores.

Their singing was what most impressed the 10,000 San Diegans who thronged the Union Station. They sang in perfect unison, as though it had been one of the strictest parts of their military training.

The address of welcome to America was extended to visitors by Mayor L. J. Wilde, of San Diego. This was interpreted by C. J. Novotny, of the San Diego Czecho-Slovak Society. Commandant Vladimir Jirsa responded.

Immediately upon conclusion of the ceremonies, which were held in the San Diego Chapter Canteen Station, the Czecho-Slovak troops entrained for Camp Kearney, where they were housed for a period of one week, pre-

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valuation of \$154,397,296.39, while the mining counties pay on a valuation of \$698,296,769.34, practically three-fourths of the entire expense of maintenance of the government. At the same time the counties are also paying four-fifths of the revenues to the general government, purchased more than five-sixths of all the liberty bonds and thrift stamps that were credited to the state and are the only counties in the state where living conditions are met by high wage. But what makes us feel real good is that Mohave county, the smallest in population is the seventh in taxable wealth of the fourteen counties of the state.